

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Diversion of 50.11 ha of forest land for establishment of 60.90 MW wind power project, in favour of M/s. Suzlon Infrastructure Limited (now name changed to M/s. Synefra Engineering & Construction Ltd.), Pune in Proddatur Forest Division in Kadapa District of Andhra Pradesh.- Permission accorded - Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 49

Dated:30-06-2012.

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, AP, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.43166/2006-F3, dt:15-8-2007.
2. State Govt. Letter.No.7092/For.I(1)/2007, dt:3-12-2007.
3. From GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.No.8-3/2008-FC, dt: 02-02-2009.
4. State Govt. Letter.No.7092/For.I(1)/2007, dt:22-07-2011
5. From GOI, Mo.EF, New Delhi, Lr.No.8-3/2008-FC, dt:21-06-2012.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above has submitted a proposal for diversion of 50.11 ha. of forest land in Gandikota North, Gandikota South & Yamavaram Reserve Forests of Proddatur Division for establishment of 61.50 MW Wind Power Project, in favour of Suzlon Infrastructure Limited, Pune and requested to forward the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, for their approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage.I) for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions.

3. State Government in the letter 4th read above, while furnishing the compliance report on the conditions stipulated in Stage.I approval, have informed to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, that the user agency have made minor changes in the plan without change in the area proposed for diversion of forest land for which Stage-I approval have been accorded and also informed that the M/s. Suzlon Infrastructure Ltd. name has been changed to M/s. Synefra Engineering and Construction Limited w.e.f. 7.5.2009. The State Government vide further letter dated. 25-04-2012 have furnished certain additional information as desired by Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 50.11 ha of forest land for establishment of 60.90 MW wind power project, in favour of M/s. Suzlon Infrastructure Limited (now name changed to M/s. Synefra Engineering & Construction Ltd.), Pune, in Proddatur Forest Division in Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh, subject to certain conditions.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for diversion of 50.11 ha of forest land for establishment of 60.90 MW wind power project, in favour of M/s. Suzlon Infrastructure Limited (now name changed to M/s. Synefra Engineering & Construction Limited), Pune, in Proddatur Forest Division in Kadapa District of Andhra Pradesh, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The State Government shall create and maintain compensatory afforestation over non-forest land equal in extent to the diverted forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department from funds realized from the User Agency.

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- (iii) The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance within six months.
- (iv) The State Government shall realize additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and transfer the same to the ad-hoc CAMPA.
- (v) The User Agency shall comply with the conditions and mitigative measures that the study to be assigned to the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) to assess impacts of Wind Energy Projects on avifauna and bats, may recommend;
- (vi) No work camps to be established in the forest area and fuel for cooking etc. should be provided by the User Agency, so that there is no felling of trees.
- (vii) After the construction of approach road as per the project plan, the cairns created by the User Agency to demarcate the project area shall be substituted by four feet high RCC pillars at the project cost indicating on each pillar the forward and back bearings as well as distance between the adjacent pillars.
- (viii) Other standard conditions in vogue as per this Ministry's guidelines issued vide letter No. 8-84/2002/FC, dated 14-05-2000 for Wind Power Projects shall also be applicable in the instant case.
- (ix) User Agency shall submit an annual self-monitoring report indicating status of the compliance of the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded for diversion of the said forest land to the State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry; and
- (x) All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including environmental clearance and rehabilitation of tribals and forest dweller shall be complied with.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. SAMUEL,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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M/s. Synefra Engineering & Construction Ltd.,
Hadapsar, Pune, Maharashtra.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.